

AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES

Disposition of Remains Report: Toronto

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Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to visitors

Country Profile: Visit the State Department's website "[Background Note: Canada](#)"

Religions: Roman Catholic 42.6%, Protestant 23.3% (United Church 9.5%, Anglican 6.8%, Baptist 2.4%, Lutheran 2%), other Christian 4.4%, Muslim 1.9%, other and unspecified 11.8%, none 16% (2001 census). The churches offer a variety of fellowship for all age groups and combined programs to provide services for the benefit of the foreign community in the area.

Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in Toronto and its vicinity:

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- [Turner & Porter](#)
They offer four convenient locations to better serve you.
Tel from the U.S.: 416-231-2283
Fax from the U.S.: 416-231-1661
Operating with a contract embalmer.
Cremation/shipment can be also arranged.
- [Dignity Memorial](#)
Offered through a network of more than 1,800 funeral, cremation and cemetery providers in Canada and the United States. Call 1-800-343-4464, their representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Profile of services available in Canada regarding preparation and shipment of remains.

[Answers to common questions about what to do, and what support is available, when a loved one dies in Ontario.](#)

[What to do when someone dies in Canada](#)

You need a burial permit before funeral services, including cremation, can be performed. You need this permit, even if the burial or other arrangements will take place outside the province.

Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002

Pricing:

Average cost of services based on the current price list - The amounts that a consumer would have paid, had they purchased a funeral or a direct disposition, excluding taxes and disbursements such as death notices, flowers, cremation, cemetery charges, etc.

Funeral (includes funeral, visitation, body preparation and services to have the body interred or cremated) \$4,490

Direct disposition (includes the minimum services required to have the body interred or cremated) \$1,630

IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS: Canada

Procedures and documents for the exportation of human remains are as follows. Except as noted, all are shipping company or U.S. requirements:

What is the process for bringing bodies in coffins and ashes in urns? What paperwork is required?

Human remains intended for interment or subsequent cremation after entry into the United States must be accompanied by a death certificate stating the cause of death. If the death certificate is in a language other than English, then it should be accompanied by an English language translation.

CBP Officers will examine the death certificate to determine the cause of death and ensure that the **remains** are shipped in accordance with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) requirements. If CDC requirements are not met, CBP will hold the casket and contact the appropriate quarantine station for instructions.

If the **remains**/bodies are embalmed and the casket is hermetically sealed, the **remains** may be released under any conditions. Also, if the **remains** have been cremated they may be admitted into the United States without restriction, regardless of the cause of death.

Additional information on the public health requirements for importation of **human remains** is available at the [CDC Web site](#).

Corpses, together with their coffins and accompanying flowers are exempt from duty. No formal entry is required. There may be [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS) concerns regarding the accompanying flowers. CBP Officers will make a determination of Admissibility of any accompanying flowers on site.